It also accorded priority to the following groups of young people:—

(i) Rural and Tribal Youth; (ii) Out-of-School Youth; (iii) Adolescents particularly female adolescents; (iv) Youth with disabilities; and (v) Youth under specially difficult circumstances like victims of trafficking; orphans and street children.

There is no State-wise allocation of funds for implemetation of the Policy.

An Implementation Mechanism has been included in the Policy through which various youth development programmes and activities are to be undertaken with active involvement of State Government and Union Ministries and Departments.

Making sports administration more broad based

2372. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Indian Olympic Association and its branches in all States are totally dominated by the same people;

(b) to what extent Government have encouraged this situation where a monopoly has been created in the sports world;

(c) whether Government propose to consider legislation to ensure that the entire issue of sports administration is broad-based and more accessible to interested people;

(d) if so, the details of the proposed legislation in this matter; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Government is aware that in Indian Olympic Association and in some National Sprots Fedrations some office bearers are holding their respective office for a long period, *i.e.* more than two terms.

(b) to (e) In 1975, the Government ha d issued guidelines to Indian Olympic Association and National Sports Federations indicating that no office bearer shall hold office consecutively for more than two terms or eight years. The Government's financial and other assistance was contingent upon fulfillment of the above conditions. However, keeping in view the interest of sports persons, condition under the guidelines was not

enforced.

Presently "Sports" is converted in State List (entry No. 33, Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India). In view of the constitutional provisions the Government is not able to enact legislation in this regard.

Age restrictions on shooters to acquire weapons against their arms licence

2373. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's top international shooters/sportspersons aged 18 years are being asked to wait till they attain the age of 21 years for the purpose of acquiring more than one weapons against their arms licence, particularly in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons for imposing above mentioned conditions of 21 years of age when Government consider them eligible to vote for election at the age of 18 years; and

(c) by when, Government propose to amend the Arms Act, 1959 or Rules framed thereunder when no such restrictions of age exists in State like Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Job opportunities for State and National level players

2374. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State and National level players of games other than Hockey and Cricket are given ample job opportunities;

(b) if so, the number of jobs offered *vis-a-vis*, the number of players; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL